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ABSTRACT

This character education guide, for grades Pre-K through 12, presents field-generated, field-tested ideas for integrating character education with daily learning. The ideas are varied in design, scope, and developmental levels and range from half-hour lessons to school-wide events to year-long courses. Each unit (50 in all) is built on particular character traits that were selected in a consensus-building process that involved educators, students, parents, and local community members. The first page of each unit presents a quick guide to its applications and contents and includes objectives and a description of the concept. Lesson plans, exercises, and handouts accompany many of the units and can be reproduced. The guide is divided into the following sections: "Elementary Level (Pre K-5)," subdivided into "Early Childhood (PreK)," "Primary (K-3)," and "Elementary (1-5)"; "Middle Level (6-8)"; "High School Level (9-12)"; "Variations on a Theme"; and "Enriching Character Education." (Contains 22 references, 23 suggestions for further reading, and a list of national organizations.) (BT)

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